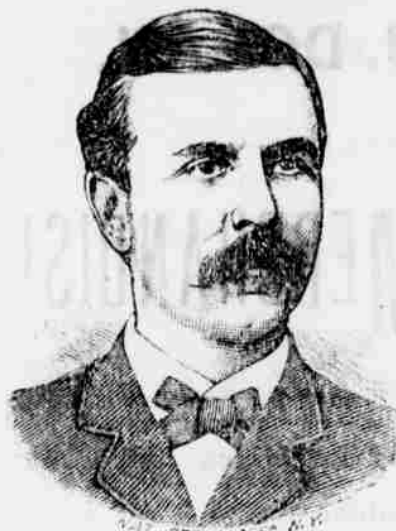


The Golden Era.

THURSDAY, August 21, 1884.

LINCOLN COUNTY DIRECTORY.

Probate Judge—S. S. Torrell.
Probate Clerk—S. H. Corbett.
Sheriff—J. W. Poe.
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J. H. Mouton,
A. A. Wilson,
J. L. Clark,
J. E. Baker,
J. E. Keene.
School Commissioners—J. E. Keene.
PRECINCT NO. 1—DIRECTIONS.
Justice of the Peace—J. M. D. Agnew.



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE G. A. R.

Gen. John Kountz, of Toledo, O.

The Grand Army of the Republic at its late reunion held in Minneapolis, Minn., on the sixth ballot elected Gen. John Kountz, of Toledo, O., its Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Gen. Kountz succeeds Commander Beath, and is the youngest official head of the G. A. R. ever elected by that organization.

Gen. Kountz is an Ohio man by birth and residence, having been born in Lucas county, March 25, 1846. In 1862 upon the organization of the Thirty-seventh Ohio Volunteers he enlisted in that regiment as a drummer boy and bravely conducted himself in a number of heavy battles. His regiment was in the charge upon the heights of Missionary Ridge when a friend of young Kountz's fell at his side, killed. The drummer boy threw away his drum, seized the musket and surprised his comrades by an activity and bravery in that bloody struggle that would have done credit to the most fearless soldier. Near the close of the engagement he fell, severely wounded in the leg that amputation became necessary.

After the close of the rebellion, he returned home, an orphan, with only a sister to greet his coming. In time his sterling qualities as a business man attracted public admiration, and the voters of his native county honored him with its Trusteeship for two years and for a like period he was Commissioner of Records. He then entered the insurance business and is now the proprietor of a large and successful agency in Toledo.

Ever since the organization of the G. A. R. in 1866, Mr. Kountz has been identified with it in an active capacity. Beginning with the Adjutancy of his Post he was then advanced to its Commandership, then successively to the Assistant Quartermaster General and Commandership of the Department of Ohio, and lastly to the highest honor in the G. A. R., the Commandership in Chief of the order for the United States.

A Lucky Inventor.

The *Milling World* says that George Westinghouse, before he invented and perfected his well known air brake, was regarded by a number of his then acquaintances with something approaching pity, because of his alleged lack of "gumption." His air brake was a success, and his friends began to think there was something in him after all. His automatic engine added to his fame and bank balance, and he mounted higher in the esteem of his former friends. A few weeks ago a valuable well of natural gas was struck on his premises at Homewood, near Pittsburgh. The well is 1,580 feet deep and the flow of gas is tremendous, the roar being almost deafening and scarcely endurable to the citizens of the neighborhood. Two other wells are being put down by Mr. Westinghouse, and he estimates that his profit therefrom will soon amount to \$1,000 a day. We don't know what he wants of those wells, as he is not in straightened circumstances, but if some of those former friends, adds the *World*, don't just about bow down and worship him ere long, we'll miss our guess.

One Throw Short.

Some months ago the street railway company employed a man from the east to drive one of their vehicles. At night, after he had put his car into the stable, the superintendent, who was watching him closely, saw him go to the rear of the shed.

He followed him and took a position

where he was himself unseen, to discover if possible the driver's object. The Jehu sat down and emptied his pockets of a large quantity of coin. "Now, I am willing to give the company a show," he soliloquized. Taking a dollar in his hand, tossed it high into the air saying at the same time: "Heads for the company, and tails for me." He kept this up until all the coins had been placed by this rule in one of the two piles in front of him, except a 20 dollar gold piece. He gazed wistfully for a time, when with a very reluctant voice he cried again: "Heads for the company; tails for me." The coin fell, it was heads. For a moment he was stunned. Then a thought struck him. "That's one horse on me," he threw again. "Tails! By jove it's mine," and he pocketed his pile, the gold piece amongst the others and took the other pile to the company's office.

The superintendent took the money he turned in.

"I guess you can quit the service," was all the superintendent said.

"Why?"

"Well, you ought to have had the decency to give the company another throw."

How a Pension is Paid.

The pension must first be found to be all right by the appropriate evidences which is compared with the muster rolls and the records in the War Department. It goes through a number of hands, and if found all right a requisition is made upon the Treasury for it. This requisition for its payment must go through thirteen bureaus before it can be paid. In the first place, you know, there must be a fund appropriated by Congress for the payment of the class to which it belongs, and the appropriation must be available before the requisition will be made. Then it must be drawn up and signed by the Commissioner of Pensions. From him it goes to the Secretary of the Interior, who signs it and sends it to the Comptroller of the Treasury. The Second Comptroller signs it and sends it to the Third Auditor, who looks it over and passes it on to the warrant division. From here it goes to the Register of the Treasury, who in turn examines it and hands it over to the division of accounts. If it passes here all right it is then presented to the United States Treasurer for his signature. Having been signed it goes back to the division of accounts to be registered, then to the Register of the Treasury for his signature, then to the division of accounts again for mailing to the depository of the pension agent who is to pay the claim, and another note must be sent informing the agent that money is placed to his credit here for its payment. This is the modus operandi for every pension claim that is granted, whether it be for one hundred dollars a week, as in the case of the wives of dead Presidents, or one dollar a month for the end of a finger.—*Chicago Herald.*

The White House State Dinners.

The culinary department in President Arthur's administration is followed with a good deal of care and solicitude by the executive, and it is doubtful if his policy has anywhere been carried out more in accordance with his wishes than in the kitchens of the White House presided over by Howard Williams. Mr. Arthur found cooks in the executive mansion of very inferior order. President Hayes had had the state dinners prepared outside and sent in on big hand-barrows, and the diplomatic corps were actually put off with a salad-coffee-ice-cream lunch, followed by a crowded reception and no wine. Mr. Arthur changed all this when he secured the services of Howard Williams, who for twelve years had been in the employ of Roscoe Conkling, now in political retirement. Mr. Williams is well educated, of fine address, and colored. His chef, M. Fortin, was brought from New York, where he had cooked for J. J. Astor, Jay Gould and Pinard, and was given a salary of \$1,800. Mr. Williams' salary is not known. By an ingenious plan devised by Mr. Arthur and Mr. Williams, the thirty-six plate table in the state dining room was enlarged so that fifty-four persons could be accommodated. Last winter there were nine state dinners, and as each menu must be different, Mr. Williams was at times the most overworked member of the government. At the diplomatic dinner in February there were served twelve kinds of wines and liquors, and Mr. Williams is as proud of it as of anything in this administration.

Ezra and Phoebe.

A Williamsport colored woman said to her better-half one day last week: "Ezra you got two dollars las' week foh cleanin' up 'bout Mister Winfield's house an' yahd. Where is dat two dollars?" "Here Phoebe."

"You jis' go and put dat ar' two dollars in one ob em banks on Pine street."

"Ah—an—de bottle's empty. Phoebe."

by." And he held up an empty, black bottle, from the neck of which there was a suspicious emanation of gin. Phoebe squinted her eyes at the bottle longingly, but pretended not to see.

"Foh de lawd, niggah, we's got to be sabin' ob de money now. Hard times is comin', suah."

"You's right, Phoebe. But dem banks is all got to bust an' den no money, no gin, no nothin'." And he held the bottle up again.

"Well," she sighed sadly, "peers you's allers right 'bout de financial 'airs, Ezra. But jis' go an' put dat money in de bank, an' don't spend a cent for rum."

He went out sorrowfully, and she raised the window and called after him:

"Ezra?"

"Hey?"

"Is dem banks boum' to bust?"

"Dem banks'll bust suah, woman."

"Dat's too bad; but I don't want you to get any run, mind. Has you got de bottle?"

"Yes, Phoebe."

"Whar you goin' ter git dat gin?"

"Some place, Phoebe."

"Well, git it, den, if you's boum' to contradit me ebbery time. Nevvah saw sich a obstinate niggah. Git a quah, Ezra! You heah me?"—*Breakfast Table.*

A Witty Young Lady Having Two Suitors.

one of whom was an army officer and the other a physician, she said it was very difficult to choose between them, as they were both such killing fellows.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., July 21, 1884.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 12th, 1884, viz: Pablo Chavez on Homestead No. 75, for the south half northwest quarter, northeast quarter southwest quarter, northwest quarter southwest quarter, section 16, township 11 south, range 17 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Avery M. Clorney, Joseph Storm, M. Buck, Joe C. Trujillo, all of Lincoln County, N. M.

JAMES R. McFAR, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., July 28, 1884.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 12th, 1884, viz: John G. Swartz on Homestead No. 84, for the east half north-east quarter and north-east quarter south-east quarter, section 24, township 11 south, range 13 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William S. Jones, James G. Jones, E. D. Torrell, Edward Bates, all of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

JAMES R. McFAR, Register.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Salie W. Lea, deceased, have been granted to me by the Probate Court of Lincoln County, N. M., bearing date the 7th day of July, 1884. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such claims and the following witnesses to said letters, they will be for ever barred.

JOSUAH C. LEE,
Administrator of Salie W. Lea, Deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office, Las Cruces, N. M., July 11, 1884.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Lincoln County, N. M., on August 29th, 1884, viz: Pablo Chavez on Homestead No. 442, for the south half southwest quarter section 26 township 7 south, range 16 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Andrew M. Richardson, George W. Peppin, M. E. Richardson, Yelani Salazar, all of Lincoln County, N. M.

JAMES R. McFAR, Register.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Sumbano Tufaya, Dec'd.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Sumbano Tufaya, deceased, to the creditors of said persons having claims against said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within twelve months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator for at the office of George T. Beal in the town of Lincoln, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of the said estate. All persons indebted to the said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Francisco Viana,
Administrator of the estate of Sumbano Tufaya, deceased.

Dated at Lincoln, July 8th, 1884.

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